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SUBJECT: PILOBOLUS DANCE THEATRE

REF: NEW DELHI 15695; 16911; STATE 258140

1. STATE REFTEL ADVISED COMPANY FULLY BOOKED UNTIL 1978.
2. PILOBOLUS INTERESTED IN INDIA TOUR FOR ANYTIME AFTER JANUARY 1, 1978 AND HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT ITEMIZED BUDGET SEPARATING WEEKLY OPERATING COSTS FROM TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. (WEEKLY FEES OF DOLS 14500 INCLUDED ALL EXPENSES). WHEN CU/ARTS LEARNS DETAILS, WILL ADVISE. WE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF USING PILOBOLUS FOR MULTI-COUNTRY AREA TOUR WITH PARTIAL CU/ARTS FINANCING.
3. GROUP WOULD NOT ACCEPT FEE IN NON-CONVERTIBLE RUPEES BUT LOCAL CURRENCY COULD BE USED FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM EUROPE IF POST AGREES. GROUP PREFERS LIMIT ITS FOREIGN TOURS TO 5-6 WEEKS.
4. AS POST MAY BE AWARE, DEPARTMENT HAS NOT SPONSORED DRAMA GROUPS FOR SEVERAL YEARS (EXCEPT FOR LIMITED PROGRAM

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IN USSR) BECAUSE OF HIGH COSTS, CONTROVERSIAL CONTENT OF

MANY CONTEMPORARY PLAYS, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LIMITATIONS

IN MOST COUNTRIES. CU/ARTS HOPES TO HAVE DEPT REVIEW THIS
POLICY WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS BUT WITH CURRENT LIMITED
BUDGET NOT LIKELY FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS FISCAL
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